

Energize Indiana Update

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The News in Brief...

O'Bannon, Kernan highlight Lafayette-West Lafayette as home of Indiana's first certified technology park

At the fifth Energize Indiana forum in West Lafayette Wednesday, Governor Frank O'Bannon and Lieutenant Governor Joe Kernan discussed the importance of partnerships in taking ideas and making them reality. The [Purdue University Research Park](#) served as an outstanding backdrop for that message.

Formed in 1961, the Purdue University Research Park is home to 100 companies employing more than 2,500 people. The Purdue Research Park recently was certified as Indiana's first technology park. The [Certified Technology Park program](#) was created in 2002 to encourage the development of high-tech business parks in Hoosier communities. Under Energize Indiana's Technology Development Grant Fund, the program is funded with \$4.5 million a year for two years.



Gov. O'Bannon and Lt. Gov. Kernan with Region 5 Commerce staff Marta Read, Sherry McLauchlan and Shane Blair.

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Indiana's First Certified Tech Park



Gov. O'Bannon and Lt. Gov. Kernan take a break from Wednesday's Energize Indiana forum in West Lafayette to pose with Purdue Research Park stakeholders. Pictured from left to right are: Don Gentry, Purdue University; Gov. O'Bannon; Neal Fearnot, Med Institute; Lt. Gov. Kernan; Mike Hiles, Cook Biotech (seated); Sally Byrn, Solid State Chemical Inc.; Garth Patterson, Griffin Analytical Technologies; and Joe Hornett, Purdue Research Foundation.



Economic profile:

Department of Commerce Region 5

Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Tippecanoe, Warren
and White counties

Profile: Leaders in technology and agriculture

Region 5 is a technological and agricultural hub. Five of the region's six counties are considered rural, so it is fitting that the region also is home to Purdue University, one of the nation's most recognized educational institutions to focus on agriculture and rural development. Purdue University also is a leader in research and development, having been a partner in 34 successful projects funded by the Indiana 21st Century Research and Technology Fund. Purdue has partnered with companies such as Endocyte, Inc., Advanced Process Combinatorics, Inc., and Cook Biotech, Inc.

Success story: Good ideas becoming reality at Griffin Analytical Technologies

During an April visit to [Griffin Analytical Technologies](#), located in the Purdue University Research Park, Governor O'Bannon saw progress in action. Griffin Analytical Technologies was formed as a result of a project funded by the 21st Century Research and Technology Fund to develop and commercialize the Miniaturized Mass Spectrometer, a compact machine used to identify molecular structures of chemicals and other substances. Griffin was founded in 2001 by two Purdue PhD researchers and has eight employees.